

Protestant Gifts Up During 1961

NEW YORK (RNS)—Protestants and Eastern Orthodox of 46 bodies gave a record total of \$2,708,722,264 in 1961 to their churches, the National Council of Churches' Department of Stewardship and Benevolence reported here.

The total represented a gain of some \$175,000,000 over contributions reported in 1960 by 47 denominations. For 43 of the 46 bodies whose figures can be compared to the previous year, the 1961 totals constituted an increase of 4.8 per cent.

In the same 43 church groups, per capita giving was up 4.8 per cent from \$68.76 to \$71.89.

This figure was broken down into \$58.84 for congregational expenses, a 4 per cent increase over 1960, and \$13.04 for benevolences, a gain of 8.1 per cent. Included in benevolences was \$2.26 per member for foreign missions, up 8.1 per cent.

Total benevolence giving for home and foreign missions last year for the 46 bodies was \$508,451,920, or 18.68 per cent of the total. For all local congregational items and operations the sum of \$2,200,270,345 was reported.

Eighteen church groups said they spent \$171,943,949 on construction of new buildings last year. This represented 26.1 per cent of the total of \$258,559,811 reported by these groups for all congregational expenses. Last year 23 denominations spent \$369,116,718 for new structures.

In per capita giving, an average of \$100 or more from each member, was reported by 18 denominations, nearly all of which are smaller bodies.

Leading the list was the Evangelical Free Church (36,705 members), with \$341.09. Others were Free Methodist Church (54,459), with \$295.26; Wesleyan Methodist Church (43,835), with \$239, and Presbyterian (199,15).

Prebyterians Excel

Among denominations approaching one million membership, or more, the highest per capita giving was recorded by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern). Its

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Graham Supports JFK's Cuba Action

BUENOS AIRES (RNS) — American Evangelist Billy Graham expressed his "full support" here of President Kennedy's action in "quarantining" Cuba and barring shipments of armaments into the Soviet-supported island.

Dr. Graham also disputed the statement—"we will all be dead in a week"—attributed to Bertrand Russell in his protest against President Kennedy's decision.

Said the evangelist: "We will not all be dead in a month, or a year, or ten years. 'We may have war but God has other plans for the universe,' according to the Bible."

Dr. Graham said that the Bible teaches that Christ will return before man destroys himself. The evangelist called for prayers for President Kennedy that he might have wisdom in handling the grave crisis involving the U. S., Cuba and the Soviet Union.

His statement came during his most successful crusade of his tour of South America. More than 50,000 persons turned out to hear the American evangelist in his first two rallies in Buenos Aires.

Observers here described the Buenos Aires crusade as "the

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STATE ROUNDUP—

Texas Baptists In Second Big Crusade

FORT WORTH (BP)—Texas Baptists in their annual convention here took a major step toward two of the largest evangelistic crusades ever attempted.

Messengers attending the statewide meeting put their stamp of approval on a statewide crusade aimed at reaching more than two million Latin Americans of Texas for Christ in 1964.

The messengers selected Nov. 4, 1962, as a day of prayer for a 1963 nation-wide crusade to be sponsored by Texas Baptists in Japan next spring. During a special emphasis on the Japan Baptist New Life Movement, as it is called in the Orient, Baptist leaders revealed that the crusade had mushroomed far beyond expectations.

The evangelistic effort, which will utilize several hundred Texas Baptist preachers and laymen, is also reaching out into great revivals planned for the Philippines, Okinawa and Taiwan. Evangelist Billy Graham is expected to speak some 19 times in various sections of the Orient.

Recommendations of its Christian Life Commission

adopted by the convention deplored the "sinful silence" of Baptist churches in the Mississippi racial crisis, and upheld the U. S. Supreme Court decision of public school prayer. Still others deplored scandals in business, urging Baptists to apply the gospel in their work, and urged Christians to learn about communism from reliable sources and work for the defeat of the communist movement.

The recommendation on race relations said that all Baptists should acknowledge their share of the blame "for the sinful silence concerning the moral and spiritual principles involved in human relations."

Missouri Takes Several Actions

By Lloyd W. Collins

JOPLIN, Mo.—Adoption of a \$3 million Cooperative Program goal for 1963, approval of the second stage for establishment of a new Baptist college in the St. Louis area, a resolution to Pope John 23rd, and a change of constitution freezing the affiliation of doubt aligned churches at the 1961

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BAPTISTS HAVE BUSY DAY IN JACKSON ON MONDAY

IN PICTURE AT LEFT Rev. E. L. Howell (at right) State Brotherhood Secretary, welcomes Dr. Warren Hultgren, of Tulsa, Okla., the principal speaker for the State Brotherhood Rally Monday. In center photo W. R. Roberts, director of program to hold Pastor-Deacon rallies in all associations this coming year, discusses program with several at planning meeting. From left: I. W. Booth, moderator of Jeff Davis Association; Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Associate Executive Secretary; Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Riverside-Quitman Superintendent of Missions; and Mr. Roberts. In picture at right three leaders discuss temperance committee report just prior to opening of Convention Board meeting Monday. From left: Rev. Lloyd Sparkman, Kosciusko, committee chairman; Rev. Carey E. Cox, Brandon, Board President, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, the Board's Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Convention Opens On High Note

HICKS EMPHASIZES POWER OF SPIRIT

"Pentecostal power is extraordinary power, for extraordinary people, who are about extraordinary tasks," Rev. E. F. Hicks, of Waynesboro, declared in the annual Convention sermon at the opening Tuesday morning session of Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Mr. Hicks, pastor of Waynesboro's First Church, in one of his opening statements declared that "one of the most neglected doctrines of the New Testament—in Baptist circles—is the doctrine of the Holy Spirit."

Speaking on the subject of "When the Holy Spirit Comes," he vividly said that marvelous things happen when the Holy Spirit comes.

Taking a five-point outline, he asserted that those things that come include revelation of truth, regeneration's miracle is wrought, Christians become Christ-like, the church has power and the work of the Lord goes forward.

Truth About Selves

Speaking on the revelation of truth he said that "only when the Holy Spirit comes do we know the truth about ourselves, our loss, our sin, our accountability."

"When the Holy Spirit comes men will know the truth about what they are, and what they ought to be, and what they must answer for."

Elaborating on "regeneration's miracle is wrought," the preacher said that "regeneration is the special function of the Holy Spirit."

"In the Southern Baptist Convention of more than ten million members, five per cent do not exist, ten per cent cannot be found, twenty-five per cent

VILLAGE LOVE OFFERING SUNDAY SET

Sunday, Nov. 26 has been designated as Baptist Children's Village Offering Day among the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Every church and Sunday School has been urged to take a cash offering for the Village on this Sunday or the one most convenient, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, who emphasized that this is a Convention-approved special offering.

In urging a generous love offering this year, Paul N. Nunnery, Village superintendent, pointed to the comprehensive \$210,000 Children's Village budget for 1962-63 and the

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ADDRESS PICTURES PAGANISM'S PERILS

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, in his keynote address to the body Tuesday morning, pointed to the six deadly perils of paganism that threaten the nation today.

The noted speaker, pastor of the host church, at the outset revealed that he was deviating from the usual type of keynote address to grant the request of the Committee on Order of Business to bring essentially the same message he brought in his pulpit on July 1 this year.

Speaking on the subject of "The Perils of Progressive Paganism" he quoted the words of the Apostle Paul "We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," then urged, again quoting Paul, "put on the whole armor of God that ye might stand against the wiles of the devil."

Critical World Situation

Dr. Hudgins first alluded to the critical world situation today with the spread of communism and its menace.

He was quick to declare however that the nation's greatest enemy is the perils of paganism.

These he enumerated in order, as materialism, secularism, scientism, sensualism, alcoholism, agnosticism and socialism.

Dwelling at length upon these he declared:

"The modern American has often has his heart set on gold instead of God; on cash instead of character; on wealth instead of weal."

"The mad rush for the dollar too often dims our eyes to the high standards of honesty and service to humankind."

"Someone needs to lift a warning voice against this menace of materialism. It is a sad day when a nation's god becomes money, security, and personal ease."

"With great lament we must admit that very few things yet are held sacred in our cherished land."

Reverence Lost

"Much of America has lost its reverence for the Lord's

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12 Churches Have \$500,000 Budgets

NASHVILLE (BP) — Twelve churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention have budgets which exceed \$500,000 a year, according to information from the Research and Statistics Department of the Sunday School Board here.

The latest available figures are for 1961. The four top churches in budgets are in Texas and five of the 12 above \$500,000 are in the Lone Star state.

First Church, Dallas, largest in membership in the SBC with 12,477, has the only million dollar budget. It adopted a 1961 budget of \$1,556,908 and sent \$176,000 through the Cooperative Program.

Another Dallas church, Park Cities Baptist church, with 3826 members, had the next highest budget — \$722,233. It forwarded \$136,500 for the Cooperative Program.

Amarillo First Church placed third. Its budget of \$686,782 provided \$196,289 through the Cooperative Program, highest Cooperative Program sum of the dozen churches and probably largest in the SBC. This church had 6959 members.

South Main Fourth Church, Houston, the fourth in budget, operated on \$668,332, sending \$61,006 via the Cooperative Program.

First Church, Shreveport, La., with \$664,630 budgeted, occupied fifth spot. Its Cooperative Program forwardings

Northeast Area Baptists Realign

By The Baptist Press

Southern Baptist pioneer mission churches in the northeastern part of the country have now been organized into four district associations.

Three of these have grown out of the Northeastern Baptist Association which formerly comprised most of the Southern Baptist churches in the Middle Atlantic and New England states.

Six churches met in Boston May 19 to organize the New England Baptist Association. Owen Sherrill, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Springfield, Mass., was elected moderator. Four of the churches also had missions. Elmer Sizemore is area missionary.

Seven churches and missions in the Greater Philadelphia met in August and formed the

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Cuban Crisis Intensifies Need

MIAMI, Fla. (BP) — The present Cuban crisis in which the United States has blockaded shipping to Cuba in its demand for the elimination of all offensive weapons from the island has intensified the need to help Cuban refugees now in Miami.

This was the consensus of Southern Baptist leaders in the denomination's ministry to provide relief and resettlement for the more than 100,000 refugees still in Miami.

More than 20 state Baptist

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GILFOY SCHOOL TO GET A NEW HOME

The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson has awarded contracts aggregating \$800,000 for the construction of a combination academic unit and dormitory to house 196 student nurses.

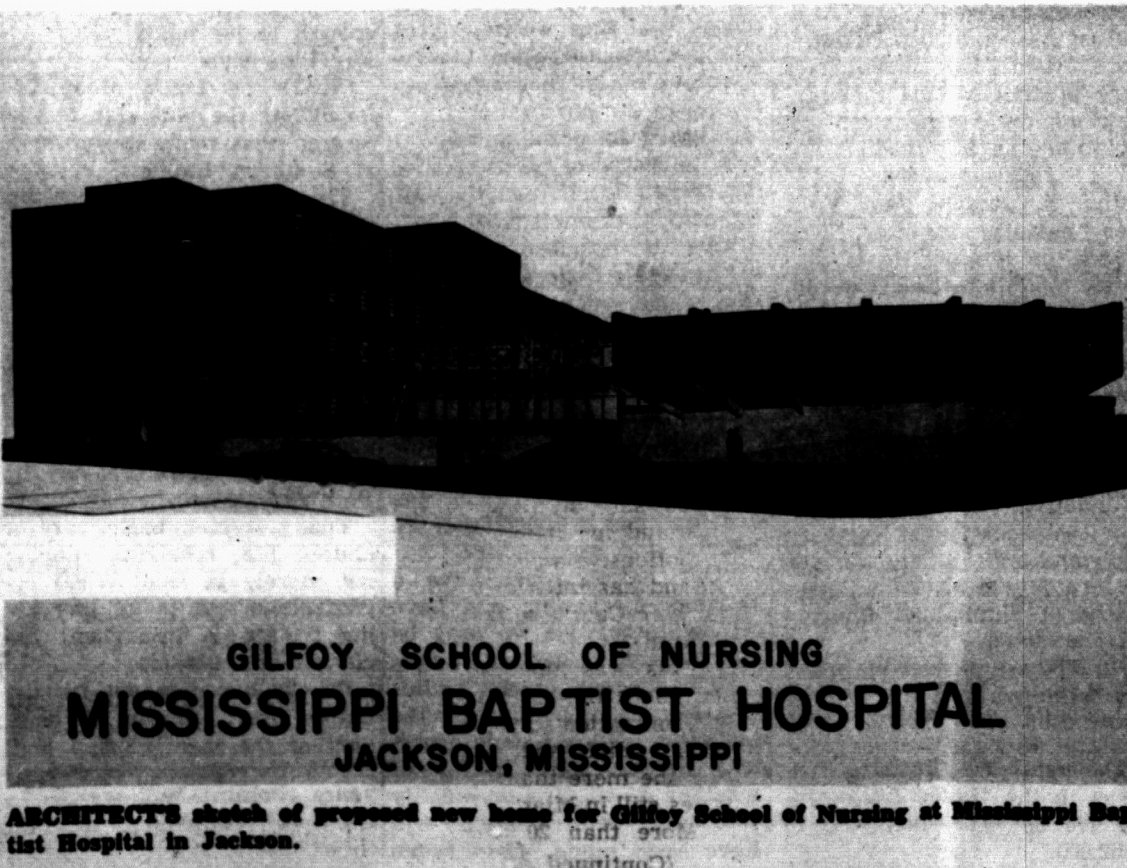
E. O. Spencer, Jackson, chairman of the Board, in making the announcement, said it was the first step in a long range development program, the purpose of which is to make additional land area available for future hospital expansion.

The new facility will be located at the intersection of North State and Carlisle streets, adjacent to the Medical Arts Building.

Mr. Spencer said that this new facility will replace four existing dormitories and a classroom building into a central school plant and thus is more of a replacement program than one of expansion.

Construction will begin im-

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Texas Baptists ...

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level were major actions of the Missouri Baptist Convention in its 128th annual session.

In further advancing the new college project in the St. Louis area, the convention instructed its executive board to set up during the next year the organization and establishment of the proposed college. The board was also authorized to select the board of trustees and to seek a charter for the college organization.

A resolution was unanimously voted to send Christian greetings to Pope John 23rd on the occasion of his vocation in Rome and to petition him "as the pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church to use his great influence to bring to a permanent end all persecutions and discriminations against Baptists and against members of other evangelical faiths, in Spain, in Italy, in Colombia, and in all other Roman - Catholic dominated countries of the world."

The policy of the Missouri Baptist Convention since 1919 has been singly single alignment. Recently an American Baptist affiliated state organization has been established and the need for double alignments no longer exists. Four Baptist churches in Missouri are now wholly aligned with the American Baptist Convention, and twelve others are doubly aligned.

Illinois Renews Church-State Stand

HERRIN, Ill. (BP)—The Illinois Baptist State Association renewed here its allegiance to separation of church and state and said the principle should be kept consistently before the people.

The resolution it adopted, however, did not mention any current issues in which the

principle is involved.

The 1962 session of the Association announced its endorsement of Protestants and Other Americans United (POAU) as an agency committed to upholding the principle of separation.

Northwest Accepts Ranch Acreage

WENATCHEE, Wash. (BP)—The Baptist General Convention of Oregon - Washington voted here to accept an offer of 500 acres of land and other assets for Baptist use. Located 50 miles from Pasco, Wash., the gift came from Mr. and Mrs. Long Baile of Mesa, Wash. It will be named the Baile Memorial Ranch.

Texas Baptists In Alabama Baptist Record Set

MONTGOMERY — For the first time in the history of Alabama Baptists, the total receipts for one year has passed the \$5 million mark.

According to A. Hamilton Reid, executive secretary - treasurer of the Alabama Baptist State Executive Board here, the grand total of gifts received for the year ending Oct. 31, 1962, was \$5,124,348.23. This includes \$3,398,552.76 for the Alabama Baptist cooperative program and the remainder in special offerings and miscellaneous receipts.

For the 1962-63 year which began Nov. 1, a proposed Cooperative Program budget of \$3,544,000 is projected, subject to approval at the annual convention meeting in Montgomery Nov. 13-15.

Michigan Reaffirms Belief In Scripture

LANSING, Mich. (BP)—The 1962 Baptist State Convention of Michigan adopted resolutions here reaffirming its belief in the validity of the Bible and asking divine guidance for



CLARKE CHORALLETES, led by Mrs. Edwin McNeely, accompanied by Mrs. Taylor Balford, and the Clarke Chorale, led by Bill Day, sang at the Clarke Alumni dinner Tuesday evening, November 13, at Calvary Church, Jackson, during the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The groups will present special numbers at the Singing hour and on the Talent Show for Clarke's Guest Day on the campus Saturday, November 17. The Choralettes above are: Left to right, first row, Ann Lee, Peayune; Carol Jones, Walnut Grove; Mary Hall, Mathiston; (back row) Barbara Sharp, Decatur, Ala.; Marion Hutto, Natchez; Mary Cutts, Weir; Charlotte Bolden, Holly Springs; Mary Lou Collum, Meridian; Amy Gunter, Andalusia, Ala.; Gloria Wilson, Jackson; Kathryn Taylor, Andalusia, Ala.; Virginia Jacobs, Arcadia, Florida; Mary Martin, Holly Springs; Shirley Alston, Columbus; Reba Oden, Pascagoula.



CLARKE CHORALAIRES — Left to right, front row, Jimmy Cole, Decatur, Ala.; Ross Bagley, Birmingham, Ala.; (second row) Larry Mullins, Decatur, Ala.; James Hancock, Batesville; Rod Rose, Baltimore, Maryland; Charles Brooks, Jenkinsburg, Georgia; Ralph Thompson, Aberdeen; James Parker, West Point; Eddie Rape, Alexander City, Ala.; Don Gomillion, Union; Joe Collum, Meridian.

Gilfof School ...

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mediately on the new building which was approved by the 1961 session of the State Convention.

Four Stories High
The facility will be four stories high for the dormitory section and two stories high for the academic part.

The new structure, to house the Gilfof School of Nursing, will contain 64,000 square feet and be completely air-conditioned for the dormitory rooms and academic suite areas.

The \$800,000 building will be financed, according to Mr. Spencer, through a \$750,000 bank loan with the balance to come from hospital building funds on hand.

The hospital is owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention with Paul Pryor as administrator.

Graham Supports

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largest Protestant event "in the history of the city:

30,000 Hear Graham
Thirty thousand heard Dr. Graham preach at Luna Park here at the opening rally. Police estimated that they had turned 5,000 persons away for lack of seating.

Officials of the Billy Graham team said 457 had recorded decisions for Christ at the conclusion of the evangelist's sermon. Twenty thousand were reported to have attended the second Luna Park rally.

In a press interview preceding his week-long series of rallies, Dr. Graham told newsmen: "I find a great spiritual hunger in this country. People are deeply interested in religion."

"I did not come to Argentina to solve your problems. I will not even talk about politics. I do not come to represent the United States government. I represent the Kingdom of God and I want a light to spark in Argentina that will become a flame to illumine the whole people."

He added that "the United Nations is not the hope of the world—Jesus Christ is." His crusade here was financed by local Protestant churches, which also provided a 1,000-voice choir.

Dr. Graham told reporters that his purpose in Argentina was "to bring people face to face with God, not to convert them to any one religion."

"I want them to come to Christ, whatever their religion," he stressed. "After they have made their decision, I cannot direct which church they go to. That is up to them."

leaders in government.

The convention also set a 1963 Cooperative Program goal of \$168,360, of which one-fourth will be forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention. The total budget for next year, including supplements from SEC agencies for joint field work, is \$247,798.

They approved plans to employ a secretary of evangelism and a field worker to promote training union and church music. Both will be employed effective Jan. 1



Rev. J. I. Jacobs

Joins Staff At Poplarville

Rev. J. I. Jacobs has joined the staff of First Church, Poplarville, to serve as associate pastor in charge of the music and education program. He comes to this position from Daddsboro, where he was pastor of Linn Church.

Jacobs is a graduate of Mississippi College, with a B. A. degree, and a graduate of Golden Gate Seminary with a B. D. degree. He has served churches in Alabama, California, and Mississippi.

He and his wife, the former Jean Holley of Booneville, and their two sons, Johnny and Tommy, now reside at 610 W. Scott St., in Poplarville, Miss.

The pastor of First Baptist church is Rev. Paul S. Kirke. A reception was held on Sunday afternoon, October 21, to welcome the Jacobs as they began their work in Poplarville.

Northeast Area ...

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Delaware Valley Baptist Association, they elected Richard C. Brackin, pastor of Haines Road Church, Levittown, Pa., moderator.

This left eight churches in the New York metropolitan area. Messengers from these churches gathered at Wrightstown, N. J., and organized the Metropolitan New York Area Baptist Association in October. More than 100 messengers were present at this meeting, at which the Northeastern Association was dissolved.

James Elected
Paul S. James, New York area pastoral director, was elected moderator. He is also pastor of Manhattan Church, New York City.

Four Southern Baptist churches in the Greater Harrisburg, Pa., area met also in October to organize the Keystone Baptist Association. These churches formerly were affiliated with the Susquehanna Baptist Association of Northern Maryland and vicinity. Chosen moderator was Kenneth Estep, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Elizabethtown.

All of these pioneer churches are affiliated with the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

The number of business concerns in the United States increased by 39,000 last year to 4,752,000.

Village Love ...

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fact that the 184 children at the home is the largest number there in several years.

Cities Purpose
Mr. Nunnery further emphasized the purpose of the Children's Village which is to provide a program of training and development in a Christian atmosphere of love which will result in rehabilitated lives and restoration of its children to a status of productive Christian citizenship.

He declared that the Children's Village believes that a program which fits these youngsters into the public schools, churches and community activities on an equal basis with boys and girls from private homes will assume the sort of transformation which every Christian would desire for these young people.

In pointing to the greater needs for the coming year he said that although feeding, clothing, housing and rearing children remain a basic facet of its task, the Children's Village aspires to the more important and more expensive assignment of fitting boys and girls for the earliest possible return to private living.

Food, Supplies Welcome
He further declared that the Village welcomes always well-comes gifts of food, good used clothing and supplies.

This is especially true at the Thanksgiving season when the railroads provide free transportation of such supplies to the Village.

He closed his statement by asserting that the Baptist Children's Village has embarked upon the new convention year with a new sense of challenge. The Baptists of Mississippi will respond generously during this Thanksgiving season.

Protestant Gifts ...

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917,432 members gave an average of \$105.33.

Other major bodies and their per member giving included: Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, \$100.51; United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., \$87.90; Evangelical and Reformed Church, \$80.33; United Lutheran Church in America, \$78.18; and Congregational Christian Churches, \$73.72. Also American Lutheran

Church, \$73.28; American Baptist Convention, \$68.98; Protestant Episcopal Church, \$68.30; Evangelical United Brethren Church, \$68.12; Disciples of Christ, \$65.31; The Methodist Church, \$57.57; and Southern Baptist Convention, \$50.24.

Included in the NCC report were stewardship figures for six Canadian denominations. Their giving was \$117,282,217 in 1961. This was broken down to \$91,788,343 for congregational expenses, and \$25,493,874 for benevolences. Per member giving for all purposes was \$57.36.

12 Churches ...

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Bellevue church, Memphis, largest in membership east of the Mississippi with 9256, was seventh in budget size. Its budget was \$639,319 including \$65,628 given for the Cooperative Program.

Mid City Budget \$605,218
Mid City Baptist Church, New Orleans, with 3076 members, had a budget of \$605,218 and Cooperative Program funds sent of \$56,916.

Ninth place went to First Church of Oklahoma City. Its 3051 members adopted a \$598,391 budget with \$82,175 provided for the Cooperative Program.

A Texas church, First, Lubbock, ran tenth. With 7762 members, it worked under a \$559,061 budget including sent \$81,600 for the Cooperative program.

Southside Church, Birmingham, and First Church, Atlanta, completed the list. The Birmingham church, with 4226 members, had a budget of \$545,174 and sent \$80,179 to the Cooperative Program.

Atlanta First had a budget of \$506,851 with \$68,000 destined for the Cooperative Program. It has 5130 members.

SATARTIA HARVEST SUPPER

The members of the Satartia Church are having their annual Harvest Supper, November 21. Rev. Jim Yates, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, will be the guest speaker.

"Bring your thankful spirit, your offering for our building fund, and your appetite," says Rev. Melvin Winters, pastor.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. J. T. LYONS, McComb
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Not EITHER-OR But BOTH-AND

"Where did you get the money for this building?"

This question was asked the missionary many times by a Southern Baptist pastor as they were viewing our mission work in Japan.

Always the same answer: "The Lottie Moon Offering." And in the same breath, "But do not forget the Cooperative Program. The Lottie Moon Offering provides for advance, but the Cooperative Program is our life line."

It is not EITHER-OR but BOTH-AND. The words EITHER-OR may be a matter of debate in the homeland. But they are a matter of life and death on the mission field!

BOTH-AND is the answer of Southern Baptists to the world's need. BOTH the Cooperative Program, in increasing volume, AND the Lottie Moon Offering, in sacrificial proportions, will give an answer loud enough to be heard.

The Plus Sign
"AND the Lottie Moon Offering" is the plus sign in the foreign missionary stewardship of Southern Baptists.

This truth was recognized by the Southern Baptist Convention when it adopted the Cooperative Program in 1925. So vital had the Lottie Moon Offering become in missionary strategy that the Convention recognized the right of Woman's Missionary Union to continue to promote it along with the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

Today it is a basic part of church life, receiving support not merely in local WMU organizations but in an increasing degree throughout the church membership.

It was never meant for the Lottie Moon Offering to be a part of the local church budget. Will we see a Great Awakening in that years remain? Will we see a Great Awakening in that

get, nor a competitor of the Cooperative Program. To allow such would defeat its very purpose. It is the plus in giving to foreign missions. It is love going a little farther. It is prayer personified as it lends hands, feet, and heart to vocal petitions.

A vote of the Southern Baptist Convention is not likely to transfer automatically Lottie Moon dollars to Cooperative Program totals. The Lottie Moon Offering is rooted in prayer, bathed in tears, and fashioned out of Christian love and promotion over seventy-four years of time.

The Lottie Moon Offering throbs with life, the very life of the Son of God. That it is given during the season when all Christendom commemorates the birth of Jesus is poetic realism. At the time when we remember especially that God gave his plus, we give ours.

The Lottie Moon Offering writes plus across every Southern Baptist foreign mission area throughout the earth. The goal for 1962 is \$10,700,000. What a plus this will be to our witness for Christ!

Plus in New Appointees
Since 1945, increased emphasis has been placed on the appointment of new missionaries. Lottie Moon funds provide major assistance in these appointments. But if every Southern Baptist foreign missionary were located in Africa alone, the need there would not be met.

The decision of the Foreign Mission Board to send out missionary associates greatly enhances the possibility for missionary personnel. This group includes preachers, doctors, nurses, teachers, and other skilled technicians over thirty-five years of age.

Your Lottie Moon gift will be your plus to the thin line of missionaries which means spiritual outposts for Christ.

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Louisiana



Roland Q. Leavell
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1. Mack Douglas, Tower Grove Church, St. Louis, Missouri, will speak and lead conference 1000 enrolment-up.
2. Melvin Bradley, First, Baton Rouge, will lead Education Directors conference and a special interest conference.
3. Roland Q. Leavell, President-Emeritus, New Orleans Seminary, will lead special interest conference on his book "Studies in Matthew."

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"Look Up, And Lift Up Your Heads"

Thanksgiving 1962 comes to a world filled with fear, distress, pessimism, and crisis. In recent days the "cold war" came very close to becoming a very hot one, and even now, in one part of the world men are arrayed in battle. Leaders of the United States and other nations are seeking desperately to find a means of preventing the destruction of civilization by an atomic holocaust.

Perhaps the words of Jesus in Luke 21:25-26 have never been more true than right now. We read "... and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

Basic to many of the troubles in the world is the Communist determination to conquer and enslave the entire human race. That explains the problems of Cuba, Berlin, the India-China war, Southeast Asia and numerous other areas of tension and threat to world peace. Of course, these are not the only problems plaguing the world at this hour. Moral decay, lawlessness, ungodliness and atheistic materialism, as they exist at this moment, are frightening to contemplate, and threaten the very foundations of civilization. Behind all of these is the Satanic power that exists in the world. Because of this the earth is filled with tragedy, sorrow, hate, strife, fear, lust, evil, despair, and heartache. It is a dark hour, such as Jesus said would come.

We thank God, however, that Jesus did not end his statement with a note of despair and defeat. He said, immediately after the words quoted above, "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things do begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:27-28). Here is the Lord's promise of His Second Coming, which is, of course, the world's one true hope in this crisis hour.

We are in an hour of distress, but the Christian's hope is greater than the world's despair. It is an hour of fear, but the promises of God and the peace of God dispels that fear for those who are the redeemed. It is an hour of pessimism and hopelessness as far as world powers are concerned, but the promise of Christ brings confidence and assurance to every child of God. God's promises have never failed.

We know that this world is doomed. The Bible clearly teaches that the present world system is to be destroyed. We do not know when that will happen. It may be soon, or it may be far away. We, as Christians, are not to be afraid, for God still reigns, and in His own chosen time, will bring His plans to pass. The Lord's return is the world's greatest coming event. World events now seem to predict that it may be soon, but we do not know. God has reserved that knowledge to Himself, and has not revealed it to any man. Our task is to be watchful, and to be faithful, and to be unafraid. With Paul we can say, "... we were troubled on every side; without were fightings; within were fears. Nevertheless God..." (2 Cor. 7:5-6).

Let us come to this Thanksgiving time with this hope in our hearts. Let us join in lifting our hearts in thanksgiving to God for a salvation that can never be lost; for spiritual leadership that will never fail; for the assurance of final victory that is steadfast and sure, and for a hope that fades not away.

We should thank God for His "unspeakable gift," Jesus Christ our Lord, and for all other gifts that He has given us with Him. In Jesus Christ we "overcome the world". Let that be our note of joy and expectancy at Thanksgiving, 1962.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Our Greatest Need

(The Sunday School Times, Philadelphia)

The Sunday School Times believes that Christians need to be reminded of some basic reasons why a knowledge of the Bible is absolutely essential today. We need to know our world; we need to be informed; we need to be active in worship and service; but more than anything else we need to know our Bibles.

Some have accused us of worshipping the Book instead of the God of the Book. We have been accused of Bibliolatry. As we pointed out last week, some are saying that we need to get beyond the Bible; it is not sufficient for our day. Others use it strictly as a jumping-off point. Why, then, do we believe the greatest need today is Bible knowledge?

1. Because such knowledge is commanded by God Himself. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children... and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand... and thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house" (Deut. 6:6-9).

2. Because the Word of God brings salvation to lost men. "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 3:15).

3. Because the Bible brings conviction to the hearts of men. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

4. Because the Word of God is the means of spiritual growth. "Desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2).

5. Because the Bible provides the only true wisdom. "They have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?" (Jer. 8:9).

6. Because the Bible is the way to holiness of life. "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you" (John 15:3).

This, of course, is not an exhaustive list of all that the Bible can do for a person. But in the light of our situation today we need to keep these basic facts in mind. We must not allow ourselves to drift from a position of giving primary emphasis to the Word of God in our daily living, our teaching, our preaching, and our writing.

The Sunday School Times believes that thousands of churches are suffering because the Word of God is not known; thousands of Christians are short of spiritual power because they have strayed from the Bible; thousands of pastors are like unequipped soldiers because they have never been trained to preach the Word of God. Consequently, we need to give ourselves wholeheartedly to obedience to the Word of God and witnessing so that our generation will be confronted with the power of the Gospel.

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day; I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way—Edgar Guest.

Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there—Journeyman Barber.



"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people." — Psalm 116:12-14.

The Baptist Forum

Mississippi Missionary Discusses "Oxford"

Dear Friends,

What do you expect of us? You send us out here to preach that Christ died for all men.

Then you make a travesty of our message by refusing to associate with some of them just because of the color of their skin.

You have entrusted to us the words of Life, to proclaim for you to the people of Nigeria that in Christ all men are equal. You are supposed to be holding the lifelines for us, and you are twisting them into a noose of racism to strangle our message. You send us out here to proclaim the Good News, and then cut the ground from under our feet.

Some time ago one of the most prominent leaders of the Nigerian Baptist Convention told this poignant story. He was in the States studying for a theological degree. One day he bathed very carefully, as is his habit, dressed in nice, clean clothes, put on freshly polished shoes, tied his tie very carefully and went out to eat.

At the restaurant he was sold food, but was told to take it outside to eat it. He smiled, with his lips, and did so. Now, what could this man have done to be acceptable to the white man behind the restaurant counter? He is a man of God; the Holy Spirit dwells in him; he is an upright man, a man of impeccable character; he was absolutely clean, dressed in acceptable manners; but he is black. What can he do about that? Why should he feel that

he has to do anything about being black? What kind of hideousness have we allowed to take charge of our hearts and minds that makes it utterly impossible for a fellow human being to be acceptable to us just because he is the color God made him?

Deep down inside, there the Holy Spirit dwells, many of you feel about this the way I do. Why are you just sitting there doing nothing about it? You know very well that if there had been a color bar in Paul's day, he would have said in Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, there is neither black nor white for ye are all one in Christ Jesus," since he was calling attention to the fact that Christ has wiped out all distinctions, social or otherwise, from between those who follow Him. Oh, if we could only say, "But the Christians do not have this sort of prejudice." What a testimony that would be!

When you know what the will of the Lord is, why are you silent? Are you afraid your business will be hurt? Jesus says, "Your father knows you have need of all these things, but seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." Are you afraid of hurting those who are near and dear to you? So you may, so you may. Ross Barnett is my cousin, and in writing this letter, I am wounding some of the dearest people in the world, but Jesus says, "He that loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me."

You are closing the door of Africa in our faces. The Communists do not need to work

against the preaching of the gospel here by Americans; you are doing it quite adequately. Wake up! Look at what is happening in the world! Be courageous; act like Christians!

Yours in Him,
Antonina Canzoneri
Baptist Hospital
Eku via Sapele
Nigeria, West Africa

Christmas At Parchman

Dear Friends: For the past six years, through your kindness and generosity, many have received a Christmas package, and for most of these people it has been their only remembrance.

Christmas, it seems, is one of the loneliest times of the year at Parchman, as inmates think of home and families. We try to bring the true spirit of Christ to Parchman in sharing of our material blessings and reminding them of brotherly love and concern for the unfortunate.

You have made these gifts possible, and again we express our appreciation for them.

Would you join us as we attempt this project this Christmas Season? Just a few packages help toward the 1900 which will be necessary if we give each inmate a gift as before.

Suggested items are: soap, socks, handkerchiefs, tooth paste, tooth brushes, combs, pencils, tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, fruit, candy and nuts. Don't send razor blades or anything having alcohol contents.

We would like to have these packages by December 15.

May you be richly blessed as you share. You would be happy to see the joy they bring.

Sincerely yours,
Miss. State Penitentiary - Parchman, Miss.

New Books

PROTESTANT - CATHOLIC MARRIAGE by Stanley Lowell (Broadman Press, 135 pp., \$2.75)

Author Lowell has been associate director of Protestants and Other Americans United since 1956. He is widely known as a teacher and lecturer in the area of Protestant-Catholic relationship. He is well qualified to write on the subject indicated in the title and has done so in a thorough and convincing manner. He states that the divorce rate in Protestant - Catholic marriages is nearly three times higher than in marriages where both parties are of the same faith. The book discusses the Roman Catholic position, the Protestant position, the Catholic antinuptial agreement, birth control, counseling in a mixed marriage, and mixed marriages and the law.

STEWARDSHIP ENRICHES LIFE by C. W. (The Warner Press, Anderson, Indiana, 94 pp., \$1.25)

Here is a resource book for

pastors, parents, teachers, and others seeking deeper insight into the field of Christian stewardship. Paperback. Revised edition by Mildred Hatch, wife of the late Dr. C. H. Hatch.

TEACHING CHILDREN IN YOUR CHURCH by Arlene S. Hall (The Warner Press, Anderson, Indiana, 96 pp., paperback, Revised Edition, \$1.25)

Simply written, in straightforward, helpful language, this text is a guide for leaders who teach children at church.

TEACHING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE by Irene Smith Caldwell (The Warner Press, Anderson, Indiana, paperback, 95 pp., \$1.25)

This book is a challenge to teachers to try to make their teaching mean an actual difference in the lives of their pupils. The difference would come in personality change and visible Christian growth.

Calendar of Prayer

November 19—Mrs. Mabel Nettles, staff, Baptist Children's Village; Loyd H. Williams, faculty, Mississippi College.

November 20—Victor Vaughn, faculty, Clarke College; Mrs. Ed Conner, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

November 21—Florence Lee, Baptist Book Store; Mrs. Mary Blanche Farris, faculty, William Carey College.

November 22—Norris Garner, Monroe associational Training Union director; Mrs. James W. Busby, Lafayette associational WMU president.

November 23—Tom Douglas, Baptist Building; Mrs. Ethelyn Duck, Baptist Building.

November 24—Herbert Batson, instructor in correspondence, Seminary Extension Department; Rodney Ellis, Baptist Student Union Director, Southwest Junior College.

November 25—Mrs. Katherine Cain, faculty, Gilfoy School of Nursing; Ervin Brown, DeSoto Superintendent of Missions.

BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs
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THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

"... upon this rock I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). These words were spoken by Jesus following Peter's confession "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (v. 16). To what or to whom did Jesus refer by "this rock"?

The Roman Catholic Church regards it as Peter himself, and upon this bases its claim as the one true church. Thus to them the church is built upon Peter and upon his successors, the popes. Peter did not so regard himself. He was one "elder" among others (1 Pet. 5:1). The early Christians attributed no supremacy to him (Gal. 2:9-21). Non-Catholics deny this papal claim. Some Baptist expositors hold that "rock" refers to Peter, but deny the Catholic position (i.e. Broadus and MacLaren). MacLaren says, "But it was not the 'flesh and blood' Peter, but Peter as the recipient and faithful utterer of the divine inspiration in his confession..." But what saith the scriptures?

Obviously Jesus' utterance is a play on words. "Peter" is petros (masculine), and "rock" is petra (feminine). Petros appears in the New Testament 162 times. It is a proper name save in John 1:42 where it is rendered "a stone." But the Greek text here makes it a proper name. Petra is used 16 times in the New Testament, always as "rock" (Mat. 7:24, 25; 16:18; 27:61,60; Mk. 15:46; Luke 6:48; 8:6,13; Rom. 9:33; 1 Cor. 10:4; 1 Pet. 2:8; Rev. 6:15,16).

Petros means a small stone broken off of a large rock.

Petra means a ledge rock such as the foundation of a house (Matt. 7:24-25) or of a cliff (Matt. 27:61,60; Rev. 6:15,16).

Pages From The Past

By J. L. Boyd

Pastor B. B. Hall of Centerville, Amite County, reports that the church had moved up from on Sunday to half-time with a salary increase from \$65.00 to \$400.00 and doubled in membership within nine months. And the Woodville and Fort Adams churches, which had been pastorless and in "a disorganized condition for several years" had lined up with the Centerville church to form a field of full time services. The Convention Board supplemented the salary by \$250.00.

50 Years Ago
The Second Church (Calvary) of Jackson closed a very successful revival meeting resulting in 43 additions to the church, forty of them for baptism. Pastor H. M. King was assisted by Rev. J. B. Lawrence and Brother -Walsh of Cincinnati, Ohio, sang leader, who assisted "with his sweet singing". The church with 110 members had contributed more than \$6,000 to the various causes during the past year.

The Calvary (now Bowmar Avenue) Church of Vicksburg which was organized in 1898 and had been financed largely by the Convention Board had bought a lot in the southern part of the city and will build as soon as they can sell their property on Clay Street.

The house of worship of the Bogue Chitto Church, Pike County, was destroyed by a cyclone February 22, 1912. With the insurance and liberal giving by the members of the congregation "a larger and more attractive building" was dedicated free of debt on October 6, 1912. Pastor J. H. Lane of the South McComb preached the dedication sermon. Pastor I. H. Anding stated that this was the fifth house the church had built since its organization in 1812.

40 Years Ago
The Union Baptist Church, Pearl River County, closed a successful meeting of days with 51 accessions, 41 of them by baptism. Pastor John P. Culpepper was assisted by Rev. J. T. Dale of Collins. Eighty-two Missionary Societies of the State sent in \$62.20 on the new house of worship of the Clinton Baptist Church, as reported by Dr. M. O. Patterson of Mississippi College teaching staff.

15-16). So the two words are not identical. Some insist that Jesus spoke Aramaic (a form of Hebrew) in which no such distinction appears. But G. Campbell Morgan points out that in the Hebrew scriptures "Rock" always refers to deity, never to man.

So the play on words (Petros, petra) suggests two thoughts. Petra could refer to Peter's confession (v. 16, Robertson). If so Peter is a petros, a small stone broken off of the ledge rock (petra), and partaking of its nature. If so, it includes all who make such a confession of faith (cf. 1 Pet. 2:5ff.; "stone" here is lithos, a building stone). Or petra could refer to Jesus Christ Himself. In the light of the Old Testament use of "rock," plus the New Testament use of petra with reference to Christ as the foundation stone (Rom. 9:33; 1 Cor. 10:4; 1 Pet. 2:8), this appears to be the more logical meaning of petra.

So the church is built upon Jesus Christ (petra) out of those who confess Him as "the Son of the living God" (petros), who thereby become "living stones... built up a spiritual house..." (1 Pet. 2:5).

The Church's one foundation

Is Jesus Christ her Lord" (cf. 1 Cor. 3:11).

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

QUESTION OF THE HOUSE

HEADING: We left "obey" out of our wedding ceremony at my wife's request. Some-

times I wish we had not. She defies me at every turn and declares that a marriage should be 50-50. I believe that the husband is head of the house

and ought to be the boss. What do you think?

ANSWER: I think you have a lot to learn about many modern women!

My brother-in-law (my sister's husband) says that if a man thinks that marriage should be 50-50, he either does not know women or he doesn't know fractions.

The man should be head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. You are right so far. But does Christ boss or bully the church? No, he leads and guides the church in love. If you will look in any good commentary at the passages that seem to imply that the wife is to "obey" the husband, you will find in the Greek the word is not "obey" such as a child or a slave would obey the father or master. Rather it is a word that means to honor to respect, to place in a superior position. The same word, precisely, is used about Christians in their respecting one another. "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Eph. 5:22).

Your wife would probably be happier if she looked up to you as the head of the house. But how can she look up to you if you are constantly trying to be boss? You are her husband and leader, not her boss.

You remind me of George Gobel who said, "I run my house like a ship. I am the captain. How did I know I was going to marry an admiral?"

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Academic Freedom In Baptist Institutions

By Allen O. Webb
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The current controversy among Southern Baptists dealing with "The Message of Genesis" has sparked many discussions from the convention floor and church pulpits to individual and group caucuses. Much of the considerations have centered around the rights and limitations of academic freedom. Is a professor free to seek truth and expound it in the classroom of a Baptist institution?

The first response is that it would be a tragic mistake to seek to restrain the presentation of the "truth." On second thought, the question arises, "What is the truth?" In the presence of concrete irrefutable evidence, the answer is easy; however, a vast area of reality, when viewed from the vantage point of masses, must be considered relative.

One person dogmatically declares a position as truth. Another refutes and declares an opposite as true. The side you are on determined your evaluation of so-called truth. Declarations of Biblical truth by Baptists are ridiculed by the masses in some other denominations. This, however, does not weaken our belief in the truth that we profess.

All Truth Is Absolute
Strictly speaking, all truth is absolute, but when it is considered by different individuals, the expressions and declarations are exceedingly variable. In a Baptist institution anyone should expect that the truth would be declared and interpretations given that reflect our faith and convictions.

Freedom in the academic, social or political realm is a relative matter. While hundreds of professors in Baptist institutions have felt that they had complete freedom, others find themselves in an area of serious limitations. The total objective and goal of the individual determines his evaluation of the scope of his freedom. A conservative theologian has complete freedom in a Baptist institution; whereas, a liberal would cringe under his restrictions. An institution that was founded by Baptists and is owned, operated and supported by and for Baptists is no place for a professor to exercise his freedom to undermine the principles and truths he is being paid to preserve.

No one would question his freedom or right to criticize, contradict or refute from without; however, it becomes a different matter when he seeks to remain on the payroll and contradicts our time honored principles from within.

There is no such thing as complete, unrestrained freedom in a well-ordered society. Our freedom ends on the borderline of the rights of others. Complete freedom for one would disregard the rights of others and would bring nothing but chaos and confusion. Most Baptist ministers consider themselves to be free; however, they are not free to be immoral, dishonest, indolent, nor are they free to deny the authenticity of the Word of God. If they do, the churches exercise their freedom to release them and call someone who will be true to the Word of God.

Restrictions Necessary
There is an absolute necessity for restrictions. Freedom of speech ceases when that speech incites riots. Freedom of possessions ceases when we seek to unlawfully possess that which belongs to others. Freedom of action ceases when it invades the personal rights of others. Academic freedom ceases when its expression disregards the principles and standards of the convention or denomination from whence he receives his sustenance.

Limits of freedom must be prescribed to coincide with the objectives and goals that are being sought. Southern Baptists adopted a statement of faith in 1925 that was Biblical in foundation, formation and content. Until it is revoked, it should serve as a guide for discussion and teaching in our institutions, else why was it adopted? If the goal of our seminaries is to send out conservative, consecrated, compassionate Bible preachers, the freedom of teaching must be circumscribed to help them to achieve these perspectives.

Our colleges and seminaries are today determining the theology of our churches tomorrow. There is no way to minimize the effect of classroom teaching on concepts and convictions of the students. The class lecture of today is the sermon of tomorrow. Some have said "Why worry?" "What can one do among ten million other Southern Baptists?" The answer is that one

professor may teach 50,000 or 75,000 students in a lifetime. These students lives may touch millions. If a professor is true to the faith, let these thousands of voices praise him. If the opposite is true, he must not be given a Southern Baptist classroom from whence to declare his intellectual questionables.

If this idea of freedom is pursued further, it must be recognized that millions of Southern Baptists feel that our convention is free to uphold the faith and principles which have made us a great denomination. They feel that our own Baptist institutions are obligated to propagate these Biblical concepts. There is no violation of any justifiable freedom in choosing professors who rejoice to proclaim the whole Word of God.

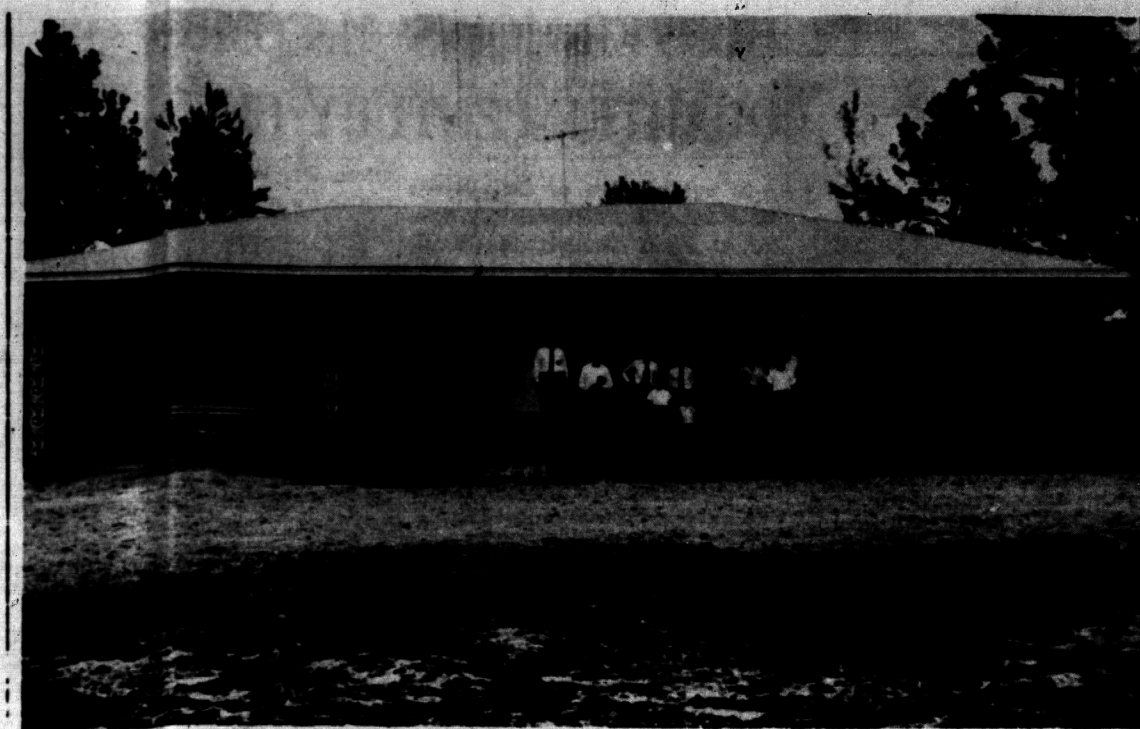
3,500 Decisions In Sao Paulo Campaign

About 3,500 people made decisions for Christ during the August simultaneous evangelistic campaign conducted in the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil, 123 Baptist churches. "We want to thank Southern Baptists who gave the money and prayed that revival might come to Sao Paulo," writes Missionary H. Earl Peacock, campaign executive secretary.

Southern Baptists gave \$12,000 through the Foreign Mission Board for the effort, the first of such scope and magnitude tried by Baptists in Brazil. Last May as preparations were being made Mr. Peacock asked that they also give prayer support.

The week before the campaign, street meetings were held nightly in various parts of Campinas. Then each day during the campaign noontime meetings were held in the central square of Sao Paulo City, and more than 500 people made decisions. One meeting in the coastal city of Santos resulted in 100 decisions.

Giant Rally Held
The campaign opened August 5 with a giant rally in Campinas and closed August 12 with rallies in Santos and Sao Paulo. Music was provided



Pleasant Grove (Grenada) Dedicates Pastorium

Under the leadership of Pastor C. S. Mullins, the Pleasant Grove Church of Gore Springs Grenada County, has recently completed their new pastorium.

The house is brick veneer with three bed rooms, kitchen-dining room combination, living room, bath, ample closet space, and double car port. There is hardwood paneling throughout the interior.

On Sunday Oct. 7, there was a dedication service at which Missionary R. B. Patterson, Grenada - Yalobusha, brought the message. Previous to this there was a corner stone service conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. S. Mullins, and the men who worked on the building. The building committee

was composed of the following men: Billy Shaw, Chairman, Henry James, Jimmy James, Fred Sultan, and Martin Trussell.

Five other pastורים have been built through the past two years in the Grenada - Yalobusha field. The others are: Camp Ground, O'Tuckalofa, New Hope, Friendship, and Bethel.

HMB Releases Survey Filmstrip

ATLANTA (BP) — Religious groups asking questions on how to conduct an area religious survey will find the answers in a new filmstrip released by Southern Baptists' Home Mission Board.

The filmstrip, "Area Religious Survey," was produced by the mission board's Department of Promotion in cooperation with the Department of Survey and Special Studies.

Seminary Aids Churches North Of Ohio River

LOUISVILLE (BP)—Psychology courses on how to understand and get along with their grandchildren and Bible discussion periods were described as two of their basic needs by a group of senior adults meeting with Southern Seminary faculty members here.

Senior adults from several Louisville Baptist churches met to help determine needs the seminary can meet in theological educational programs for retired persons.

"Teaching and other programs for senior adults is part of the seminary conference and research center's spiritual development program for laymen," said Ernest J. Loessner, one of the center's programming directors and professor of religious education at the seminary.

After meeting with pastors, the seminary will initiate an experimental teaching program for senior adults beginning early in 1963.

Court Rulings Point Up Church College Values

Fort PIERCE, Fla. (BP)—Court rulings on religion in education demonstrate the importance of church-related colleges, a Baptist college president told supporters here.

J. Ollie Edmunds of Stetson University (Baptist), Deland, Fla., said church-related colleges are free both to require and to expect prayers, Bible reading and singing of hymns. Such practices in public schools have been are currently before the Supreme Court of the United States to decide their legality.

Edmunds told a Stetson loyalty dinner gathering that only in America is there a dual educational system with a balance between strong private institutions and strong public schools.

The Stetson president pointed out that church-related and independent colleges are free from political influence. "You as citizens must select the church college of your choice to support, and then support it with your influence, your prayers and your money," he said.

Crews Added To Staff At HMB

ATLANTA (BP)—A former missionary to the Indians who has a degree in social work and has been teaching at the Oklahoma University Medical School has been employed to head the juvenile rehabilitation ministry of the Home Mission Board.

He is Luther William Crews of Norman, Okla., who has been either a pastor, a missionary, or a teacher since he started his education at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee in 1942.

Crews has accepted the position of assistant secretary in the Department of City Missions in charge of juvenile rehabilitation. He will seek to enlist associations and state conventions in providing a ministry to youth who have come in contact with the courts.

Southern Baptists have more than 30 such ministries throughout the United States. In each case a juvenile rehabilitation worker is employed who establishes contact with the courts and seeks to serve as a liaison between the court, the child, and the church. He recruits and trains sponsors from the churches to accept responsibility for the youths.

Merger Degree Plan Announced

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here will offer majors in church social work and missions in its Master of Religious Education degree program.

Dean Allen W. Graves of the School of Religious Education said this is a result of the merger of the seminary and Carver School of Missions and Social Work next door. Both are agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The new major areas of study are partially the result of a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board study showing a need for 600 church social workers, and of recent Southern Baptist Foreign and Home Mission Board appointments in religious education career fields.

The new degree majors to be offered for the first time next fall will include 22 semester hours in Bible, theology and church history; 20 hours in religious education; 22 hours in either church social work or missions and related fields, and two hours of church history, Graves said.

The merger of the Carver School and the seminary will probably be officially approved by a vote of the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention. Two consecutive years of voting by the Convention are necessary for approval. The first vote was taken at the 1962 convention.

Techniques developed by the Survey Department have received national recognition in surveys of large metropolitan areas and even entire states. Most religious denominations have participated in the surveys.

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Nashville School Gets New Rank

NASHVILLE (BP)—The accrediting association of Bible colleges has granted associate membership to a Nashville seminary.

The school is American Baptist Theological Seminary, operated jointly by the National (Negro) Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., and the Southern Baptist Convention. It educates Negro Baptist minister and church workers.

President Maynard P. Turner Jr. said the seminary has fulfilled several of the suggestions for improving the seminary issued by the association's study committee after visiting the campus.

It will be at least a year before American Seminary can reach full membership since the association meets only once a year. Dean C. H. Fitzgerald represented it at the meeting when associate membership was conferred.

Mission Council Re-Elects Hurt

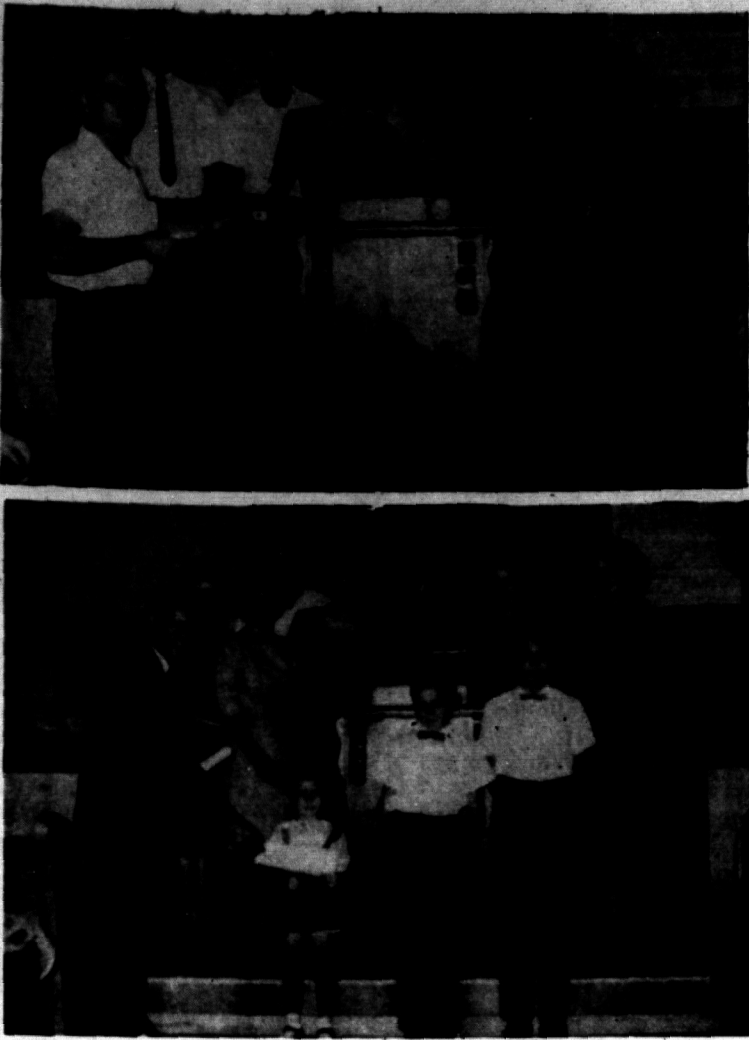
ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Missionary Education Council re-elected Edward Hurt, Jr. of the Brotherhood Commission as its chairman, Miss Ethalee Hamrick of the Woman's Missionary Union as vice-chairman, and named Miss Kate Ellen Gruver of the Home Mission Board as secretary.

The council, composed of 53 representatives from 14 denominational agencies and 31 resource guests, held its annual three-day meeting to offer suggestions to Home and Foreign Mission boards on the preparation of their graded mission study series.

Hurt, who began his second year as chairman, is director of the Royal Ambassador program for the Brotherhood Commission. Miss Hamrick is editor of "Royal Service," and Miss Gruver is book editor for the Home Mission Board.

The group also offered ideas on promotion of the series, background book suggestions, needed visual aids, and discussed the periodicals of the agencies.

Annually a total of more than 600,000 of the books are sold for the foreign missions series studied in November and the Home Missions series studied in February. The books are graded by ages, including primary, junior, intermediate, young people, and adult.



ONE-YEAR perfect attendance pins have been awarded at Ingram Church, Training Union (top photo): At far left Julius Wallis, Director, presents awards. First row, beginning at left: Larry Williams, Joe Allen, Joan Smith, Lanace Williams, Mrs. E. V. Gamble, Linda Gamble. Back row: E. V. Gamble, Gene Gamble, and Dennis Garner. Sunday School (bottom photo): At far left L. A. Crawford, Supt. presents awards and pins. First row: Gay Gamble, Kenny Williams, Mack Williams. Second row: Mrs. Wallace Fannell, Patsy Fannell, Joan Smith, Lanace Williams, Anita Gamble, Linda Gamble. Back row: Gene Gamble, Dennis Garner. Rev. Wallace Fannell is pastor.

Music Department W. C. MORGAN, Secretary Mrs. Phyllis Helton, Office Secretary

General Festival Dates

Below you will find the dates and places for the General Choral Festivals and Hymn Playing Festivals. Both Hymn Playing and Choral Festivals will begin at 6 p.m. and close not later than 9 p.m. Start your hymn players and choirs now and be a part of this tremendous festival program during the spring.

Hymn Playing Dates

Natchez, First—Monday, February 11
Biloxi, East Howard Baptist Church—Tuesday, February 12
Laurel, First—Thursday, February 14
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue Baptist—Friday, February 15
Leland, First—Tuesday, February 19
Louisville, First—Monday, February 25
New Albany, First—Tuesday, February 26
Clarksdale, Oakhurst Baptist—Thursday, February 28
Grenada, First—Friday, March 1
Jackson, Alta Woods Baptist—Monday, March 25

General Choral Festivals

Natchez, First—Monday, March 18
Biloxi, East Howard Baptist—Tuesday, March 19
Laurel, First—Thursday, March 21
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue Baptist, Friday, March 22
Louisville, First—Thursday, March 28
Leland, First—Friday, March 29
Jackson, Alta Woods Baptist—Monday, April 1
New Albany, First—Tuesday, April 2
Clarksdale, Oakhurst Baptist—Thursday, April 4
Grenada, First—Friday, April 5

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON— Redemption: God's Provision

By Clifton J. Allen
Isaiah 53; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Ephesians 1:3-10; 2:1-10; Colossians 1:15-22; 1 Timothy 2:5-6

The redemption of man from sin is the central theme of the Bible. It is the eternal purpose of God and his supreme undertaking in the truth about redemption, we discover God's plan of the ages, the necessity for the death of Jesus Christ, the remedy for human sin, and the hope for a new world. We are to have two lessons on redemption. The first of these has to do with God's provisions of redemption possible. The grace of God provides redemption. The Spirit of God effects redemption in human experience.

Only superlatives apply to redemption. It is God's most daring undertaking. It is God's costliest gift. It is God's deepest concern. It is man's most urgent need. It is man's richest blessing.

The Lesson Explained
Redemption means deliverance from the bondage and guilt of sin. This experience is the beginning of the Christian life.

MAN'S PLIGHT IN SIN (vv. 1-3)

Paul reminded his readers of their former state in sin. Their plight was utterly hopeless and helpless. They were spiritually dead, living in trespasses and sins. They were in the bondage of evil, living according to the spirit of the world and the practices of wickedness. Satan was their master, and he wrought in them the works of disobedience. Their manner of life showed their moral corruption as they yielded themselves to the uncontrolled desires of the flesh, to lust, and to pride. In their unregenerate state, they were by nature children of wrath; that is, they were by nature addicted to sin, and they were under God's wrath against sin. Spiritually dead, in Satan's power, morally corrupt, bent toward evil, and under divine condemnation—the natural man is helpless to save himself. No reform, of whatever nature, can be adequate to his need. He needs a new life, a new freedom, a new power, a clean heart, a divine redemption.

GOD'S RESPONSE TO MAN'S NEED (vv. 4-7)

Verse four begins with the sharpest contrast possible. God acted in response to man's need. Because of the richness of his mercy and the greatness of his love, God made provision for persons morally and spiritually dead to be made alive with Christ. Paul interrupted his thought to explain the basis of this new life: "By grace ye are saved." There is no other way to explain it. Through God's mighty act in the soul a spiritual resurrection takes place. We are raised up to a new life and made to sit together in a heavenly fellowship in Christ Jesus. God's purpose is to demonstrate the richness of his grace, the reality of his kindness, and the glory of his redemption through Christ. Now and throughout all the ages to come every Christian is meant to be a trophy of God's grace and an example of moral and spiritual regeneration.

THE GIFT OF GOD (vv. 8-10)

We are "saved by grace." There was nothing on our part to deserve the suffering and sacrifice of Christ. Because of our moral weakness and spiritual death and enslavement to Satan, we were utterly helpless to save ourselves. The redemption which God provided was bestowed as a free gift. We received the gift by faith. We claim by faith what we could never deserve, what we could never earn, what human righteousness could never merit, the assurance of redemption through the blood of Christ. It is "not of works, lest any man should boast." We are made alive, made new, made free, for the purpose of living in good works and doing good works in obedience to the Lord. Redemption from sin is the fruition of God's redemptive activity in Christ, of his travail in the cross, of the power of his resurrection, of the activity of his Spirit. The human experience of this redemption does not rest on our obedience to the law or our achievement of righteousness, upon any religious rite or ceremony, upon any creed, or upon anything human; it is a gift of Heaven's best, without money and without price.

Truths to Live By
Redemption is man's most urgent need—Redemption recognizes the reality and gravity of sin. There is something radically wrong with human nature. The mind and heart of

the unregenerated person are bent toward iniquity. The poison of death is in the human spirit. Man's plight is so serious that only the Great Physician can heal his disease. His enslavement to Satan is such that only Christ can set him free. His corruption and pride and lust is so complete that only Christ can make him clean. His one means of deliverance is the redemption of Christ by which he becomes in reality a true child of God and a saint in God's kingdom.

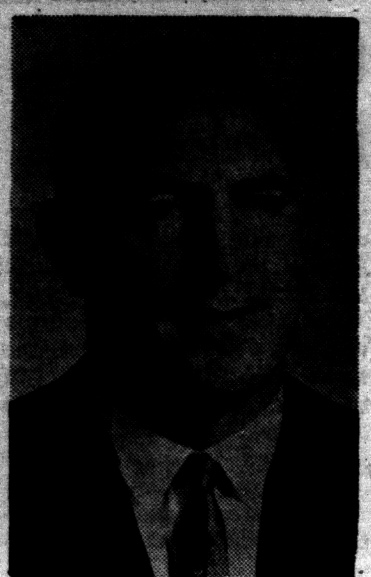
Redemption is through the cross.—This truth is affirmed over and over in the New Testament. "God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." This was the necessity of the cross. Thus Christ bore the penalty for human sin. Thus he became the propitiation for the sins of the world. Thus he became our ransom whereby we are set free from Satan's power and from our own guilt and weakness. Thus we experience the redemption made possible by the death-blow to the power of Satan and by the judgment of God upon the sin of the world.

Redemption is a priceless blessing.—We are never to forget what it cost God. He spared not his own Son. The infinite God gave his best in the gift of his Son. Remember what it cost Christ. He gave his life a ransom for many. No wonder Simon Peter said, "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ." Our redemption was made possible by the riches of God's grace. He loved us in spite of our disobedience and moral ugliness? He redeemed us in spite of our rebellion and spiritual corruption. He saved us because of his love for sinners, his unlimited goodness, his desire to demonstrate the power of grace through Jesus Christ. We owe him the devotion of grateful love, of faithful obedience, and of sacrificial service.

Smith Made Fellow

Dr. L. C. Smith, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, was made a fellow in the American College of Surgeons, October 18, during the organization's annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J.

This honor is given to those who meet high qualifications and pass difficult examinations in the field of surgery. A person so honored is entitled to place after his name the letters F.A.C.S.



Rev. Shally Vaughn

Sunshine Calls Pastor

Rev. Shally Vaughn began his duties at Sunshine Church, Rankin County, on September 9. He moved to Sunshine from the County Line Church in Jones County.

Rev. and Mrs. Vaughn and their two children are making their home at 3236 Harle St. in King Heights between Brandon and Jackson.

Since Vaughn began his new pastorate at Sunshine, two deacons have been ordained and nine members have been added to the church roll, four by profession of faith.

Greens Creek Ordains Preacher

On October 21, Greens Creek Church, Hattiesburg, ordained A. D. Strickland to the full-time ministry of the Gospel.

The presbytery was composed of Dr. D. Lewis White, Temple, Hattiesburg; Rev. O. E. Thompson, Petal - Harvey; Rev. James C. Pitts, Carterville; Rev. W. M. Smith, Bethel; Rev. O. H. Petty, Mars Hill; Rev. Q. C. Barrett, Greens Creek; and Rev. W. A. Fordham, Petal, First.

Rev. Q. C. Barrett, pastor of Greens Creek Church, preached the ordination sermon.

Dr. D. Lewis White gave the charge to the candidate and the church.

A Bible was presented Rev. Strickland as a gift from Greens Creek Church.

Rev. Strickland has been called as pastor of Olive Church, Pearl River County. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Strickland, Prichard, Alabama. He is married to the former Edna Nicholson, Hattiesburg. They have a daughter, four months old.

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Revivals Held In Rio State, Brazil

The idea of the simultaneous revival being promoted by the Baptist convention in the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has taken hold "in a very wonderful way" from the small Baptist church of 133 members in a leper colony to the largest in the state, with 1,300 members, says Rev. Harold E. Renfrow, Southern Baptist missionary who is executive secretary of the state convention.

Because there are about 30 churches in the convention, the state has been divided into three zones, with the north having its revivals September 16-23, the south, October 14-21, and the central, November 21-28. The two churches reporting from the north so far had a total of 211 professions of faith and 41 rededications of lives. "This has been the greatest blessing of my entire ministry," says one of the pastors.

In preparation for the campaign Mr. Renfrow and several Brazilians visited all 15 associations in the state — traveling by every means of transportation — from mules to trains to ferries, over more than 3,000 miles.

BYERS ACCEPTS DAMASCUS

Rev. Ward B. Byers has accepted a call as pastor of the Damascus Church, Hazlehurst. On November 3, he and his wife and daughter moved on the field. His address is Route 3, Hazlehurst.

A native of Florida, Rev. Byers attended Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He was pastor for two years at Carpenter, Miss.

During the summer of 1957 he helped to establish a Southern Baptist mission and then served as its pastor at Fort Benton, Montana. The mission is now a church.

Mrs. Byers, the former Georgia Lee of Texas, is a bookkeeper at Mississippi College. The Byers' daughter, Joyce, is a junior at Mississippi College.



ABOVE QUEEN AT MT. OLIVE, SMITHDALE—In the G. A. Coronation at Mt. Olive Church, Smithdale, four girls, pictured above, were recognized as Queen-with-a-Scepter: Diane Cothern, Marilyn Martin, Peggy Jane Thornton, and Kay Nettles. Others above Queen were Paulette Dillion and Sharron Edd, Queens-in-Service. Mrs. Mildred Nettles is G. A. Director; Rev. Howard McEmore is the pastor.

JOCASTA YVONNE BYNUM, age 4½, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bynum, has received her second-year attendance pin in Sunday school at Fellowship Church, Taylorsville. Douglas Bynum was the Sunday school superintendent. Rev. S. B. Davis is the pastor.



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English Church In S. A. Moves

The English-language First Baptist Church of Buenos Aires, Argentina, moved into its new home in the Martinez section of the city September 9. Among those present for the occasion were opera singer Jerome Hines, who was performing in the city, and his wife. "Mr. Hines gave a fine testimony during the service," says Rev. Howard C. Knight, Southern Baptist missionary who is pastor of the church.

The purchase of the 22-year-old house was made possible by Southern Baptist mission giving. "If the English-speaking work in Buenos Aires does not grow in its outreach and spiritual influence now, it will not be the fault of Southern Baptists," says Mr. Knight.

"All of us want to say a heartfelt thank you for the wonderful and adequate facilities. Our prayer is that we shall not fail Him whom we want so desperately to serve faithfully."

The women of the church have decorated the inside of the house with flowers, plants, draperies, et cetera. "People gasp in amazed joy as they enter," Mr. Knight says.

DEVOTIONAL

Thanksgiving and Heaven

By Rev. Joe Stovall,
Pastor, Lucedale

The first Thanksgiving in America was observed by thankful people. They were the Pilgrims who observed it in the winter of 1620-21 A. D. The Mayflower returned to England empty of the Pilgrims because they chose to remain here. Their difficulties were many. There was much sickness, suffering, and death. Nevertheless, the Pilgrims centered their thoughts on God's goodness, and arranged for a thanksgiving feast.

We miss the meaning of Thanksgiving, our national festival, unless we recognize the goodness of God. Thank of what God has done and be thankful!

For life's discouragements there are heavenly encouragements. Our Savior who was victorious over life and death is the giver of not to be gained today and lost later. They are ours always. Let us be reminded that in the midst of the storm, Paul on shipboard "gave thanks to God in the presence of them all." (Acts 27:35).

Another Thanksgiving
Life knows little of another thanksgiving, but it is real in heaven. Would that we knew more of it on earth. There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. Like the shepherd who rejoices when he finds the lost sheep, Jesus rejoices in every discovery.

Finally, thanksgiving is occasioned in heaven when the saints of God are gathered to their heavenly home. Read the account of this in Revelation. See the multitude from every nation, kindred, and tongue about the throne. Hear them cry with a loud voice, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Note that the angelic creatures fall before the throne of God saying, "Amen: Blessings, and glory, and wisdom, and THANKSGIVING . . . be unto our God forever and ever." (Revelation 7:10, 12) What a climax this is for the life here on earth!

"O Jesus our Lord, Thou ruler of all,
Thou art ever true, whatever the call;
Be Thou our defender in all time of stress,
And help us live daily in true thankfulness."

—Thanksgiving Hymn

Supreme Court Denies Hearing In Jehovah Witness Transfusion Case

WASHINGTON (BP) — The United States Supreme Court refused to hear a case in which Jehovah's Witness parents objected to a blood transfusion for their infant child.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Perricone, members of Jehovah's Witnesses, refused to permit a blood transfusion for their son, who suffered from a "blue baby" condition. A New Jersey court gave custody of the child to the head of the medical staff at a hospital in order to provide the needed transfusion. The case which had gone

through the New Jersey courts was appealed to the Supreme Court on the ground that the religious liberty of the parents was denied. The New Jersey courts in effect held that the religious liberty of the child was not violated because he was not old enough to have faith.

In denying certiorari in the case the decision remains as the state court ruled.

Justice Douglas disagreed with his fellow judges by saying that he would have heard the case.



AT BROOKLYN CHURCH, those shown above have been awarded perfect attendance pins. One was for two years, and the others for one year. First row, 1 to r: Mickey Odom, Michael Tingle, Kirby Lambert, Jimmy Palmer, Ann Palmer. Second row, 1 to r: Mrs. W. A. Fillingame, Mrs. John Pugh, Mrs. Vera McBroom, Mrs. Edna Tingle, Miss Berylene James, Mrs. Bessie Palmer. Back row, 1 to r: J. C. Burt, Mack Lambert, Grady Williams, Patric Davis (2-yr.), M. B. Holloway. The pastor, Rev. Francis E. Davis, not shown, also was awarded a two-year pin.

Oakland Grove Pastor Resigns

Rev. W. O. Pippen has resigned the pastorate of Oakland Grove Church, Jones County, effective November 4. During his pastorate there, twelve were received into the membership of the church. The church building has been almost completely renovated with an addition to the sanctuary. The entire sanctuary has been brick-venered.

For the present he will be living in the teacher's home at Sharon School, Laurel, Route 3, and may be reached there if needed for supply or as interim pastor.

GA Conference

SOUTHERN RHODESIA — Two hundred and thirty-five girls attended the annual, two-day Girl's Auxiliary conference held in Southern Rhodesia recently. "The conference was a thrill to witness," says Mrs. W. David Lockard, Southern Baptist missionary. "Girls presided, presented playlets, provided special music, and acted as interpreters in two languages." Ten Queens were recognized at a Coronation service led by Mrs. James N. Westmoreland, also a missionary.



HAROLD ADAIR was licensed by Locust Grove Church, Union County, to preach the gospel. He is available for a pastorate or supply work. His address is: Rt. 3, Blue Springs. Also the church ordained Wesley Coker and Walt Roberts as deacons on September 23. Rev. Howard L. Huey is pastor.

Begins Third Year

BEIRUT—The Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, on the outskirts of Beirut, Lebanon, began its third year October 9. An enrollment of 24 was expected, but the five students from Egypt had not arrived by the day before school opened.

Big Ridge Calls Music Director

Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, pastor of Big Ridge Church, North Biloxi, announces that Grant Shipp has accepted the call as Director of Music at their church effective Nov. 1. Mr. Shipp has served in a similar capacity at First Church Ocean Springs for the past six years. Previous to that he was director of the Youth Choir at First Church, Biloxi for nine years. He has also directed choirs in Florida and Oklahoma.

Mr. Shipp, a native of Oklahoma, graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, a Bachelor of Arts degree from East Central State of Ada, Okla. He did graduate work at Oklahoma University. He taught in the public school systems of Oklahoma prior to becoming an Educational Specialist with the Air Force.

He and his wife, Velma, will continue to reside in Ocean Springs where they own and operate The House of Modern Living.

Easley Memorial Goes Fulltime

Easley Memorial Church, Panola County, has voted unanimously to begin full-time preaching services.

The church called Rev. Lee Hudson, present half-time pastor, to become full-time pastor. He lives at Route 1, Courtland. Organized in 1918, the church is beginning its first full-time program.

On March 11 of this year the ladies organized the church's first Woman's Missionary Society.

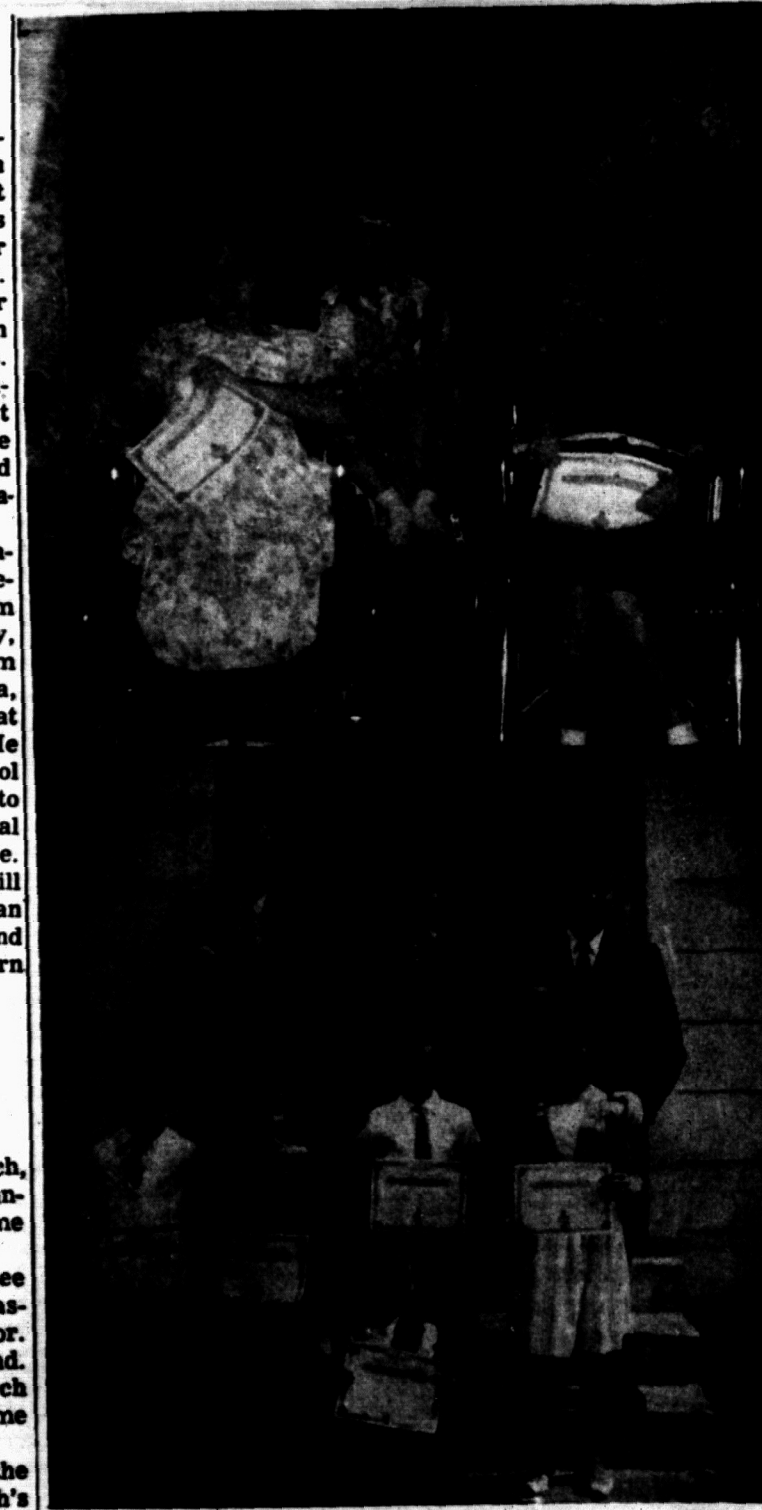
The church has established a building fund for remodeling the building. (Another Rev. Lee Hudson is pastor at Arrowood, Meridian.)

HORSESHOE HOMECOMING

Horseshoe Church, Holmes County, will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, November 18.

Former pastors will be the morning and afternoon speakers. Lunch will be served at the church.

Rev. Joe K. Hill, Clinton, is the pastor.



MAGNOLIA PARK, JACKSON has presented perfect attendance awards for two years. Last year there was only one award. This year there were nine, six in the regular Sunday School and three in the Extension Department, besides four in Training Union. Top photo: left to right: Sarah Reynolds, Nancy Koch, and Donna Batson, of the Haven Hall Home for the Crippled, received one-year pins. Bottom photo: back row, left to right, Rev. Jasper Collins, pastor, Mrs. Ervin Williams, R. E. Sheppard, Sunday school superintendent; second row, left to right, Jean Buffington, Wayne Buffington, Royce Williams, and Ricky Buffington. Front row, Melissa Jean Williams. All received one-year pins except Jean Buffington, who received a two-year pin.

A Brazilian Baptist, who has been a Christian for 14 years, rode 15 miles up the Amazon River in a canoe on his 70th birthday so that he might partake of the Lord's Supper. — C. Ernest Harvey, missionary to Equatorial Brazil

We are burning idols, coming and going. Seeing things which people have put such great faith in go up in smoke is an indescribable experience. I wish my own idols were that easy to get rid of. — W. Owens, missionary to Nigeria.

A Disgrace

By R. Paul Caudill, pastor
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"It's a disgrace to the Lord who loved us." Those were the biting words that fell from the lips of the chairman of the committee on evangelism, as he made his report during the closing service of a recent session of a Southern Baptist District Association.

The report revealed that the total baptisms for the Association amounted to only 142, or 1 baptism for every 48 church members — the smallest number in the past twelve years. Fifteen out of the forty church-

Convention In Mexico Forms Medical Unit

The Baptist Medical Society, auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, was formally organized during the first Baptist medical congress in the country, held October 5-6.

The congress, held at the Baptist hospital in Guadalajara, was planned after the National Convention in annual session last spring voted in favor of a meeting of Baptist doctors in Mexico. Thirty-three doctors, medical students, and nurses attended. All are members of Baptist churches and active Christians, and some of the national doctors have supplied pulpits when their churches were without pastors (missionary doctors were also present). "Now and then, the beautiful expression, 'hermano' ('brother'), was heard," says Mrs. Orvil W. Reid, Southern Baptist missionary.

"The emphasis was given, not to new medical discoveries, important as they are, but to spiritual matters: how to be of service as doctors to the pastors and churches of Mexico," she continues. "The golden thread that permeated every discussion was that Baptist doctors are charged with the mission not only of alleviating human suffering but also of ministering to spiritual needs. The meetings closed with prayer."

es in the Association had reported no baptisms a tall during the past year. And this was five more than the year before!

If the above report is characteristic of any considerable number of district Associations throughout our south land, then we are headed for dark days in the realm of evangelism.

The primary task of the church—and of every believer—is to win lost souls to the Lord Christ. "Ye shall be my witnesses," said Jesus, "both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." And, "Ye shall receive power," he said, "after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you."

Perhaps it is here that we come to the head and front of our offending. We lack the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit. Lacking the Spirit's power, we fail to witness for the Lord Christ as we ought.

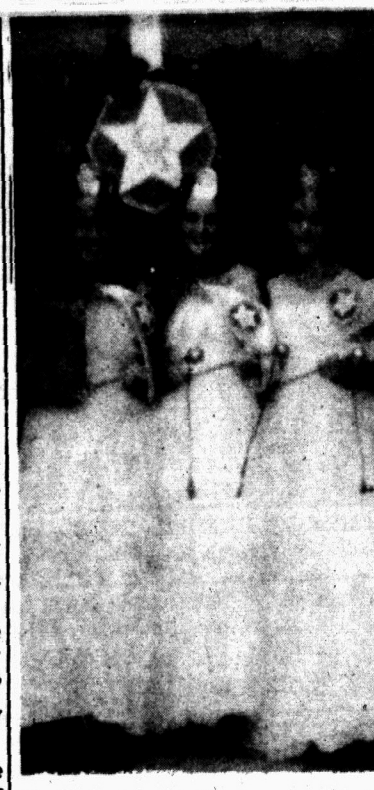
And herein lies the disgrace—the disgrace "to the Lord who loved us," when we fail to share with others the joys of our salvation to the end that His kingdom may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

State Workers Communicate On BSSB Periodicals

NASHVILLE — Communication is a two-way street. Workers at the Sunday School Board are eager to learn the reactions of Southern Baptist church members who use the board's publications and educational methods.

Some 20 presidents of state religious education and music associations met recently in Nashville as guests of the Sunday School Board's Church Administration Department to discuss the needs of these churches. Opinions of the group ranged from an analysis of the board's publications to the expression of a growing need for a unified approach to the tasks of the church.

"These men were absolutely frank in their evaluations of our services, and we gained some valuable insight from them," Howard B. Foshee, secretary of the Church Administration Department, said.



ABOVE QUEEN AT RICHLAND—In the G. A. Coronation at Richland Church, Rankin County, the girls above were in the ranks above Queen. Joyce Brown, resigning Queen Regent, gave the charges. Ellen Little was recognized as Queen-with-a-Scepter and Martha O'Bannon as Queen Regent. Rev. Ray Campbell is the pastor.

First Scholarship Is Awarded

LOUISVILLE (BP) — The Woman's Committee at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary first \$500 scholarship.

The award has gone to Miss Margaret Ann Eakin of Murfreesboro, Tenn. Miss Eakin, a 1962 graduate of Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro, is presently studying for a Master of Religious Education degree at the seminary. At Middle Tennessee, she majored in English.

For one year, she taught French and English at Smyrna (Tenn.) High School. She plans to enter Baptist Student Union work after graduating from Southern Seminary.

The Woman's Committee, established last year as a way for women to participate in theological education at the seminary, plans to award the scholarship annually to a deserving woman student.

At least 50 per cent of the membership dues for those belonging to the committee goes into the scholarship fund. There are over 1100 members reported in 13 states across the Southern Baptist Convention.

REVIVAL DATES

Lake Como (Jasper): November 21-25; Rev. Dwayne R. Benfield, pastor, Level Grove Church, Cornelia, Georgia, evangelist; Rev. Glen T. Williams, pastor and song leader. Thanksgiving Dinner will be served in the Church Fellowship Hall at noon on Thanksgiving Day.

Friendship (Adams): November 18-20; Rev. Manley Beasley, Port Neches, Texas, evangelist; Don Marshall, Natchez, song leader; Rev. Carey R. Wicker, pastor.

Copeland Wins Fulbright Study

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) — A professor of missions at Southeastern Seminary here, E. Luther Copeland, has been awarded a Fulbright Research Scholarship for a year's study in India.

Philadelphia, North Calvary: November 21-25 (Thanksgiving Weekend); Rev. Jimmy Porter, young preacher of the church, youth pastor; David Williams, youth music director; Rev. J. K. Pierce, pastor, Pleasant Home Church near Laurel, evangelist; Rev. W. C. Gann, pastor.

Friendship (Monroe): November 18-20; Rev. Junior Hill, Hartselle, Alabama, evangelist; Rev. Norris Garner, pastor.

Cary (Sharkey): November 18-23; Rev. Jack Nazary, pastor, West Jackson Church, Jackson, evangelist; Mrs. Shifley McFate, song leader; Mrs. Sarah Clark, pianist; Rev. Bill Cox, pastor.

A recent National Council of Churches' study indicates that the average salary of the Protestant minister is at least a thousand dollars below that of the average American family.